THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has about 14000 employees who did not have any recreational facility for quite some time. The demand was considered by the Committee and it was decided to allow this facility at 36, Mahadev Road, which belongs to NDMC. This is a temporary arrangement. The club started functioning w.e.f. 3-5-1986.

Monitoring of Fifteen-point Programme

1657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what arrangements have been made for monitoring the implementation of the fifteen-point programme ; and

(b) what is the progress of the programme according to the reports resceived so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Chief Ministers have been requested to monitor the implementation quarterly at their level in the States. The States have also been requested to ensure monitoring at Distt. Magistrate's level in the districts. At the Central level, the Ministry of Welfare compiles the progress reports quarterly for monitoring by the Central Government.

(b) Reports received so far indicate more or less satisfactory implementation of points 1 to 4, 6 and7. The progress is not uniform in respect of other points in all States and Union Territories. However, efforts are being made, by and large, by most States and Union Territories and Ministries concerned now for effective implementation.

Setting up of sponge iron project in Gujarat

1658. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the setting up of a sponge iron project in the joint sector at a cost of about Rs. 100 crores in Gujarat under the control of the Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation has been held up as the commitment for supply of gas is not being fulfilled ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of gas to be supplied has also not yet been announced ;

(c) whether the Gujarat Government has requested that the quantum and the price of gas be conveyed to them so that the exact location and viability of the project may be determined soon ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The question of fixing prices of natural gas for various uses is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The request of the Government of Gujarat for allocation of gas for the sponge iron project was examined and it was not found possible to give a commitment for the supply of gas as all the gas produced had been committed elsewhere. Gujarat Government was also informed accordingly.